



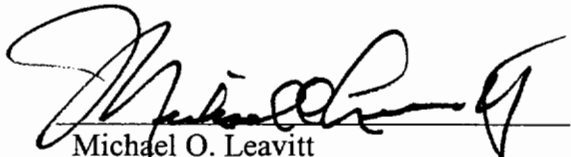
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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DETERMINATION THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXISTS

As a consequence of Hurricane Rita in the States of Texas and Louisiana, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby determine that a public health emergency exists and has existed since September 20, 2005 in the States of Texas and Louisiana.

9/23/05
Date


Michael O. Leavitt
Secretary